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ABOUT SAM WILLIAMS

Sam A. Williams was born in Liberia, West Africa to a Liberian mother and Lebanese father. At the age of five, an American missionary adopted Sam and brought him to the United States. Raised in Washington, DC, he graduated from the University of Maryland and holds degrees in Behavioral and Social Sciences as well as Psychology.

Helping individuals improve has always been a part of Sam's mission. Before working for the Federal Government, Sam provided individual therapeutic counseling to adjudicated youth as well as mentally ill adults. As a Big Brother/Mentor, he worked to improve the lives of children that did not have positive male figures in their lives. In addition, he has assisted hundreds of homeless men and women in the Washington, DC area obtain permanent housing and employment.

Sam has worked at NOAA for over 17 years and is currently serving as Deputy Director for the Budget Execution and Analysis Division (BEAD) within OAR, providing knowledge, expertise and guidance to staff and employees on all matters related to budget. He has received numerous awards while working at NOAA, including the Bronze Medal for his volunteer work in the Gulf Coast after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In his spare time, Sam enjoys traveling, biking, boating, and spending quality time with his family. He has a passionate love for music, and as a pianist, he has performed in such venues as Blues Alley, Warner Theater and the Kennedy Center alongside notable musicians and vocalists in the music industry.